

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

~~CLAIMS-~~**What is claimed is:**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Fitting~~ A fitting for lift-slide doors or windows with at least one running shoe ~~(9)~~ located on a bearing element ~~(7)~~ that can be moved for raising and lowering the door or window sash ~~(2)~~ in a longitudinal running shoe axis relative to the bearing element ~~(7)~~ and with a coupling element ~~(17)~~, which connects the at least one running shoe ~~(9)~~ for this movement with a drive element, for example a push rod ~~(6)~~, provided on one vertical section of the sash frame ~~(2.1)~~, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the coupling element ~~(17)~~ is a rigid, rod-like and/or push/pull type coupling element ~~(17)~~, which can be slid in the bearing element ~~(7)~~ and is connected at one first end with the drive element ~~(6)~~ and at the other end via a jointed connection with the running shoe ~~(9)~~.
2. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the casing ~~(8)~~ of the running shoe ~~(9)~~ is made of one piece, ~~for example of metal,~~ ~~preferably of die-cast zinc.~~
3. (Currently Amended) ~~Fitting~~ A fitting for lift-slide doors or windows with at least one forend rail ~~(118)~~ and one push rod ~~(6, 120)~~ that can be moved axially on the forend rail, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the forend rail ~~(4, 118)~~ is flat or strip-shaped.
4. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized by wherein~~ the fitting comprises at least one running shoe ~~(9)~~ located on a bearing element ~~(7)~~ so that it can be moved on a longitudinal running shoe axis relative

to the bearing element (7) for raising and lowering the door or window sash (2), and with a coupling element (17), which connects the at least one running shoe (9) for this movement with a drive element located on one vertical section of the sash frame (2.1), ~~for example~~ with a push rod (6), whereby the coupling element (17) is a rigid, rod-like and/or push/pull type coupling element (17), which is guided in the bearing element (7) and is connected at one end with the drive element (6) and at the other end via a jointed connection with the running shoe (9).

5. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized by~~ wherein the fitting comprises at least one running shoe (9) located on a bearing element (7) so that it can be moved in a longitudinal running shoe axis relative to the bearing element (7) for raising and lowering the door or window sash (2), and with a coupling element (17), which connects the at least one running shoe (9) for this movement with a drive element located on one vertical section of the sash frame (2.1), ~~for example~~ with a push rod (6), whereby the casing (8) of the running shoe (9) is made of one piece, ~~for example of metal, preferably of die-cast zinc.~~
6. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the coupling element (17) has the form of a partial ring or arc and is located in the bearing element (7) such that the ring axis is in a plane perpendicular to the door sash plane.
7. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the coupling element (17) is designed as a rack and pinion on its first end and that this end engages with a toothed or perforated section (6.1) of the drive element (6).

8. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the second end of the coupling element ~~(17)~~ is connected via a jointed connection with the running shoe ~~(9)~~ or a casing ~~(8)~~ of the running shoe ~~(9)~~.
9. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the coupling element ~~(17)~~ engages with its other end in a coupling opening ~~(22.1)~~ of the running shoe ~~(9)~~ or of the running shoe casing ~~(8)~~.
10. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized by~~ claim 1, further comprising an arc-shaped guide ~~(18, 19)~~ in the bearing element ~~(7)~~ for the coupling element ~~(17)~~.
11. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the coupling element ~~(17)~~ is manufactured as a preformed part made of metal or plastic.
12. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the coupling element ~~(17)~~ has a profile that deviates from the circular form, ~~for example~~ namely a rectangular or square profile, at least between its two ends.
13. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the bearing element ~~(7)~~ is designed as an elbow, ~~i.e.~~ with two legs ~~(7.1, 7.2)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim ~~13~~, ~~characterized in that~~ 1, wherein the drive element ~~(6)~~ is guided on one leg and the running shoe ~~(9)~~ runs in bearings on the other end.
15. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim ~~13 or 14~~, ~~characterized in that~~, wherein the coupling element ~~(17)~~ is located in the area of the junction of the two legs ~~(7.1, 7.2)~~ in the bearing element ~~(7)~~.
16. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the running shoe casing ~~(8)~~ has two walls ~~(10)~~ extending in the longitudinal direction of the running shoe and at a distance from each other, and that at least two rollers ~~(12)~~ can turn on bearings between the two walls ~~(10)~~.
17. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 16, wherein the longitudinal walls ~~(10)~~ of the running shoe casing ~~(8)~~ are connected with each other at least on the ends of the running shoe by means of end walls ~~(11)~~.
18. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein at least one projection ~~(15)~~ forming a guide for the running shoe ~~(9)~~ is located on the bearing element ~~(7)~~.
19. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one projection ~~(15)~~ extends into the running shoe casing ~~(8)~~ and forms lateral guide surfaces for inner surfaces of the running shoe casing ~~(8)~~.

20. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 18 ~~or 19,~~
~~characterized, wherein~~ in that at least one lifting curve
(14) is formed on the projection (8) with which ~~(lifting~~
~~curve)~~ a guide or slide element (16) of the running shoe (9)
works together.
21. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 20,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the lifting curve is formed
by a recess (14).
22. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 20 ~~or 21,~~
~~characterized in that,~~ wherein the slide element is a guide
bolt (16).
23. (Currently Amended) ~~Fitting~~ A fitting for lift-slide doors
or windows with at least one running shoe (9) located on a
bearing element (7) so that it can be moved in a
longitudinal running shoe axis relative to the bearing
element (7) for raising and lowering the door or window sash
(2), and with a coupling element (17), which connects the
at least one running shoe (9) for this movement with a drive
element located on one vertical section of the sash frame
(2.1), ~~for example~~ with a push rod, ~~characterized in that~~
the casing (8) of the running shoe (9) is made of one piece
with at least one sleeve-like coupling section (26) located
on one end of the running shoe, ~~manufactured for example of~~
~~metal, preferably of die-cast zinc.~~
24. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 23,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sleeve-like coupling
section (26) has a sleeve opening (29) with a profile that
is made up of a square profile form and a circular profile
form such that it forms four sides with a cylindrical
section (30) and four corner areas (31) with connecting

right-angled surfaces, respectively, whereby the cylindrical sections ~~(30)~~ are located on a common imaginary cylinder surface around the center axis of the sleeve opening ~~(29)~~ and the radius of the cylindrical sections ~~(30)~~ is somewhat smaller than half the distance of two diagonally opposed corner areas ~~(31)~~, so that the respective sleeve-like coupling section ~~(26)~~ can be used alternately for a connecting rod ~~(25.1, 25.2)~~ with a circular or square profile.

25. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 23 ~~or 24,~~
~~characterized by,~~ further comprising means (32) for fixing the respective connecting rod ~~(25.1, 25.2)~~ in the sleeve opening ~~(29)~~.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~Lift-slide~~ A lift-slide door or window with at least one door or window sash ~~(106)~~ located in a door or window frame ~~(102)~~, with a running carriage or running shoes ~~(111)~~ located in a groove ~~(113)~~ on one lower, horizontal sash frame element ~~(107.1, 107a.1)~~ for raising and lowering and for sliding the sash ~~(106)~~, with a gear unit ~~(110)~~ located on one vertical sash frame element ~~(107.2, 107a.2)~~ that is connected with the running shoes ~~(111)~~ by means of a push rod ~~(120)~~ guided via a drive connection on a forend rail ~~(118)~~ for raising and lowering the sash ~~(106)~~, whereby the forend rail ~~(118)~~ is fastened to the push rod ~~(120)~~ in the area of a groove ~~(113)~~ on one sash frame element ~~(107.2, 107a.2)~~, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the forend rail ~~(118)~~ is ~~designed as~~ a flat or strip-shaped rail.

27. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in claim 26, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the push rod ~~(120)~~ has a flat or strip-shaped design.

28. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in claim 26 ~~or 27, characterized in that~~, wherein the width of the forend rail is somewhat greater than the width of the push rod ~~(120)~~.
29. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in claim 28, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the groove ~~(113)~~ for fastening the forend rail ~~(118)~~ is provided with a recess ~~(116)~~ on both sides at its opening or the edge of its opening to form a contact surface ~~(113.3)~~ against which the forend rail ~~(118)~~ bears against edge areas and that the push rod ~~(120)~~ is contained in the groove ~~(113)~~.
30. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 26, wherein the groove ~~(113)~~ has a width that is the same or approximately the same as the width of the push rod ~~(120)~~.
31. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 26, wherein at least the groove ~~(113)~~ for containing the running carriage or running shoes ~~(111)~~ and the groove for fastening the forend rail ~~(118)~~ with the push rod ~~(120)~~ are designed identically.
32. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as ~~claimed in one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 26, wherein at least one further sash frame element forming the sash frame ~~(107, 107a)~~, preferably the sash frame element ~~(107.3, 107a.3)~~ forming the top of the sash ~~(106)~~ also has a groove ~~(113)~~ that is designed identically to the groove ~~(113)~~ for containing the running carriage or running shoes ~~(111)~~ and to the groove for fastening the forend rail ~~(118)~~ to the push rod ~~(120)~~.

33. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in claim 32, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising a profile ~~(121)~~ with a guide element ~~(122)~~ is provided for in the groove ~~(113)~~ of the sash frame element ~~(107.3, 107a.3)~~ forming the top of the sash frame ~~(107, 107a)~~.
34. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 26, wherein the sash frame elements ~~(107.1, 107.2, 107.3, 107.4)~~ forming the sash frame ~~(107)~~ are profiles made of wood.
35. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 26, wherein the sash frame elements ~~(107a.1, 107a.2, 107a.3, 107a.4)~~ forming the sash frame ~~(107a)~~ are profiles made of plastic.